

Washington State Patrol Media Advisory

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Trooper Kelly Kalmbach Update

Where: *Outside the main gate of the Madigan Army Medical Center*
(if you take I-5, it is off the Berkley exit)

When: *Thursday, June 29, 2006*

Time: *4:45 p.m.*

Speaker: *Chief John R. Batiste*

Why: On June 28, 2006 at approximately 11:40 p.m. Trooper Kelly Kalmbach made a traffic stop on State Route 7 at Pirnie Road for a possible DUI suspect. After administering the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, Trooper Kalmbach was in the process of taking the subject into custody when a struggle ensued. The subject broke free from Trooper Kalmbach, ran back to his car, and produced a handgun. The subject began shooting at Trooper Kalmbach, striking her five times. Trooper Kalmbach returned fire and the subject fled the scene in his vehicle which later became disabled.

The subject, Jack Sonntag, was located a short distance from the scene by Pierce County Sheriff's Deputies. Sonntag again produced a handgun, was shot by deputies, and died at the scene.

Trooper Kalmbach was transported to Madigan Army Medical Center where she underwent surgery for non-life threatening injuries.

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